

STATE ALLOCATION BOARD  
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

SMALL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To increase funding for the Small High School Program by an additional \$200 million pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB 127), Chapter 35, Statutes of 2006 (Nunez and Perata).

DESCRIPTION

At the August 3, 2006 Implementation Committee meeting, Staff proposed modifications to the existing Small High School Program. Based on discussions with Committee and audience members, Staff is returning with updated regulations. The following issues were revised in the regulations:

*New Construction*

Districts will be allowed to build stand alone small high schools on new sites; however, if the small high school is located adjacent to an existing high school which includes core facilities, students from the new small high school may share those core facilities, provided:

- o Shared core facilities may include, but not be limited to, multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums and libraries.
- o Districts may not share administration and toilet area.
- o The application for the Small High School will not be entitled to the New School Excessive Cost Hardship Request.

Districts will be allowed to use a portion of a large site of an existing high school and utilize that portion of the site for their new small high school, provided:

- o The California Department of Education determines that the creation of the small high school does not create a school with an inappropriate number of pupils in relation to the size at either site.
- o The Small High School could stand alone or share core facilities.
- o Shared core facilities may include, but not be limited to, multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums and libraries.
- o Districts may not share administration and toilet area.
- o The Small High School may not be entitled to the New School Excessive Cost Hardship Request.

Two small high schools could be built on separate but adjacent sites and both schools would be allowed to share the core facilities of the other including multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums and libraries.

- o Shared core facilities may include, but not be limited to, multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums and libraries.
- o Districts may not share administration and toilet area.
- o One of the small high schools would be entitled to the New School Excessive Cost Hardship Request.

*Modernization*

A reconfiguration from a large high school into two or more smaller high schools would be eligible for \$500,000 for each small high school created from the reconfiguration. The current criteria for a modernization reconfiguration would remain the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Present the proposed regulations for presentation to the SAB.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Section 1859.70.3. Available Funding for the Small High School Program.

For purposes of the Small High School Program, the Board shall set aside the funding as follows:

- (a) \$20 million for the new construction of Small High Schools pursuant to Education Code Section 17072.10(c).
- (b) \$5 million in modernization funding to assist with the Reconfiguration of large high schools pursuant to Education Code Section 17074.32.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 101012(a)(5), the Board may provide up to \$200 million for the purposes set forth in Education Code Section 17072.10(c).

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17072.10 ~~and~~ 17074.32, and 101012(a)(5) Education Code.

## Section 1859.93.2. New Construction Adjusted Grant for the Small High School Program.

A district may submit an Approved Application for a Small High School project from January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006~~7~~, if all of the following are met:

- (a) The Application meets all the criteria on the Form SAB 50-04 for a New Construction Adjusted Grant, pursuant to Section 1859.21.
- (b) The district has at least 500 high school pupil grants of new construction eligibility available pursuant to Regulation Section 1859.50 and 1859.51.
- (c) The Small High School ~~must~~ may be constructed on one of the following:
  - (1) A stand alone school site with no existing facilities;
  - (2) An adjacent site to an existing high school and share core facilities including, but not limited to library, multi-purpose room and gymnasium. The existing high school and new small high school may not share administration and toilet facilities.
  - (3) A site of a large high school if the CDE deems that the site will not create a school that is overcrowded or educationally inadequate; or
  - (4) Two or more small high schools may be constructed on separate but adjacent sites and may share one or all of the core facilities in 1859.93.2(c)(2).
- (d) The Small High School may not be constructed where it would otherwise have been built due to sparse population.
- (e) The district shall only provide the number of classrooms at the new school site necessary to house the capacity of the Small High School, not to exceed 500 pupils, until two complete school years after the Occupancy of the last Small High School funded pursuant to Education Code Section 17072.10(c)(1), which would correspond with timing of the data submitted by the district pursuant to Section 1859.104(e)(2).

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Section 17072.10, Education Code.

## Section 1859.78.9. Separate Apportionment for Modernization Reconfiguration under the Small High School Program.

(a) The Board shall provide an additional apportionment pursuant to Education Code Section 17074.32 for Modernization Reconfiguration work on an existing high school site, not to exceed ~~an aggregate of \$500,000 for each~~ new Small High School created from the reconfiguration, subject to OPSC verification, if all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) A district shall submit an Approved Application by September 30, 2007.
- (2) The current enrollment at the existing high school must be at least 1,000 pupils.
- (3) At least two new Small High Schools must be created as a result of Reconfiguration.
- (4) The district must obtain a county-district-school code from the Department of Education for the resulting new school sites.
- (5) Funds provided under this Section shall be used only for work included in the Reconfiguration.

(b) The State funding pursuant to this Section shall continue for projects that meet subsection (a) until all available funds are exhausted. In the event that remaining funds are insufficient to fund a Reconfiguration project in its entirety, the district will have the following options:

(1) Accept the remaining funds as a full and final apportionment; or,

(2) Refuse the funding in its entirety. If the district wishes to proceed with the Modernization portion of the application, the application will retain its received date and proceed without the Modernization Grant Separate Apportionment for Reconfiguration.

The district must maintain an enrollment, not to exceed 500 pupils, for a minimum of two complete school years after the Occupancy of the new Small High Schools.

Any additional Classrooms provided to the campus, beyond the existing number of classrooms prior to the Reconfiguration work shall be reduced from the district's New Construction Eligibility pursuant to Section 1859.51.

At the conclusion of the Reconfiguration project, a new Modernization Eligibility will be established at any resulting new Small High Schools.

After all qualifying projects pursuant to this Section have been apportioned, any remaining funds pursuant to Education Code Section 17074.32 shall be made available for eligible modernization projects pursuant to this Act.

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Section 17074.32, Education Code.